THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

The Delhi water supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that on the basis of consumption of 50 gallon per capita per day, the actual shortfall in production in relation to demand is around 125 to 150 MGD at present. This shortfall is experienced particularly during summer specially in areas situated at the tail-end or at higher elevations.

The matter for supply of additional raw water and exchange of sewage effluent has been taken up with the Government of Haryana at various levels. This supply of additional raw water is vitally needed for Second 100 MGD Water Treatment Plant being set up at Haiderpur and the other Water Treatment Plants to be set up at Nangloi and Bhawana.

300 Cusecs of water have been allotted to Delhi from the storage of Tehri Dam which will be made available to Upper Ganga Canal near Murad Nagar. It is proposed to set up a 140 MGD water Treatment Plant in the Trans-Yamuna area on the basis of release of this 300 Cusecs water from Tehri Dam now under construction.

As Inter-Stare meeting was held with the Irrigation Secretaries of the basin Stares in which drinking water requirements of U.T. of Delhi were unanimously agreed to be of 1.13 Million Acres Feet (MAF) including cooling water requirement of the thermal stations.

The matter is being pursued with concerned State Governments at various levels.

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**Priority for Rural Energy Sector**

2287. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: will the Minister of Planning and Programme Implementation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to assign the highest priority for rural energy sector;

(b) if so, whether the Government have launched a need based scheme to link rural energy with rural development programme; and

(c) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) the Integrated Rural Energy Planning Programme was taken up as a regular plan Programme in the Seventh Plan in the States and UTs. The programme involves preparing and implementing micro level area based Integrated Rural Energy Plans and Projects that link rural energy with rural development by providing for the most cost effective mix of meeting rural energy needs for subsistence and production. It is proposed to strengthen the linkages between rural energy and rural development in this programme during the Eighth Plan.

**12.00 hrs**

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SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR (MAYILADUTURAI): Sir, we are receiving very disturbing reports of a large number of people continuing to migrate out of the rain